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1. WE HAVE HEARD OF NO SALES OF EQUIPMENT FOR UNLOADING GRAIN FROM SHIPS OR OF DOCKSIDE STORAGE INSTALLATIONS. ON VISIT TO HSINKANG, NORTH CHINA'S LARGEST GRAIN IMPORTING PORT, USLO OFFICERS WERE TOLD BY MEMBER OF HARBOR REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE THAT PRC TRIED TO MAKE ITS OWN SUCTION EQUIPMENT TO UNLOAD BULK GRAIN SHIPS, BUT THAT EQUIPMENT FAILED DUE TO CLOGGING. AT PRESENT, BULK GRAIN IN HSINKANG IS UNLOADED BY CLAMSHELL, AND THERE ARE ONLY RUDIMENTARY DOCKSIDE STORAGE FACILITIES. RC MEMBER DID NOT MENTION IMPROVED EQUIPMENT IN HIS OUTLINE OF FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN HARBOR. WE WILL TRY TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON GRAIN UNLOADING SITUATION, BUT IN MEANTIME, WE HOPE THAT DUNBAR KAPPEL WILL SEND PROPOSAL TO MACHIMPEX WITH COPIES TO USLO.

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